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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Members and Associate Members of
the EIC

SUBJECT : EIC Review of Community Economic
Intelligence Requirements

1. The Director of Central Intelligence has directed a review of community economic intelligence requirements to be conducted under the auspices of the USIB Economic Intelligence Committee. This action stems from a discussion between Mr. Helms and the OMB Director, Mr. Schultz, in which the latter inquired about how well current economic intelligence requirements were designed to meet the needs of consumers.

2. The unique contribution the EIC can make on this question results from the opportunity it provides for broad communication between all the important producers and consumers of economic intelligence. It is clear, therefore, that participation of a large number of Departments and Agencies, including the associate members of the EIC with a significant interest as either producers or consumers of economic intelligence, is essential to the success of the enterprise.

3. Since the subject for review is extremely broad, I propose to limit EIC consideration at this time to "human resource" requirements. Requirements for all forms of technical intelligence collection, such as COMINT and photography, would be excluded. I interpret the term "requirements" to include statements of intelligence priorities and background guidance to collectors as well as specific directives.

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4. I believe the EIC should consider:

a. How effectively the various Departments and Agencies are able to levy economic intelligence requirements through the existing system.

b. Whether new forms of community requirements are needed and, if so, what these should be.

c. Whether and how economic intelligence requirements of the various Departments and Agencies should be centrally recorded and monitored to help identify gaps and avoid unnecessary duplication.

5. A meeting of the EIC will be held on Wednesday, 9 February 1972, at 1000 hours, in room 6 F 25, CIA Headquarters building to discuss the questions outlined above. All interested Departments and Agencies are invited to give their views and suggestions. CIA will present a general briefing at the meeting on the present requirements system. Representatives of other Departments or Agencies should be prepared to describe the methods of levying and accepting requirements from the perspective of their Department or Agency.

6. Please advise the EIC Secretariat , code 143, extension by noon on 8 February 1972 of your plans to attend the scheduled meeting.

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